

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

IN THE MATTER OF:

PETITION OF NPCR, INC.,	)	CASE NO. 2003-00143
D/B/A NEXTEL PARTNERS FOR	)	
DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE	)	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER IN	)	
THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY	)	

**NPCR, INC. D/B/A NEXTEL PARTNERS' RESPONSES  
TO INTERVENORS' SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION REQUESTS**

TO: Intervenor and their attorney Lindsey Ingram, Jr., Stoll, Keenon & Park, LLP, 300 West Vine Street, Suite 2100, Lexington, KY 40507-1801:

NPCR, Inc. d/b/a Nextel Partners ("Nextel Partners") responds to Intervenor's

Supplemental Information Requests as follows:

**RESPONSES TO INFORMATION REQUESTS**

1. With respect to Nextel Partners' incomplete response to ITG's Request No. 1, Nextel Partners has stated that the service offerings that will be offered as a condition of ETC designation are those "offerings currently available directly from the company." What specifically are those offerings?

**RESPONSE:**

Offerings that are currently available directly from the company throughout Kentucky are attached as Exhibit A hereto. These offerings change on a regular basis to keep up with the pressures of a competitive market.

(a) For Request No. 4 – Show the Study Areas of the rural local exchange carriers for which Nextel Partners seeks ETC designation; i.e., show which cell sites are within the study areas of the rural local exchange carriers for which Nextel Partners seeks ETC status.

(b) For Request No. 5 – For each of the ITG rural LEC study areas in which Nextel Partners seeks ETC designation, i.e., Logan Telephone Cooperative, Inc.; Mountain Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc.; Peoples Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc.; and South Central Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc., please provide the actual areas served by Nextel Partners utilizing the typical 39 dbu contours around each cell site within each incumbent rural LEC study area.

**RESPONSE:**

a) Confidential Exhibit B is responsive to this request. For the two study areas not shown on the map, Nextel Partners has no sites physically located within those study area boundaries. Service available within those study areas is provided by sites located outside of those study area boundaries.

b) A 39 dbu contour map is only “typical” for carriers that operate pursuant to cellular licenses. In addition, a 39 dbu contour map would not necessarily reflect “actual area served.” A 39 dbu contour map is used by cellular carriers to demonstrate buildout of cellular licenses. Nextel Partners is a specialized mobile radio (“SMR”) provider that operates under a different licensing mechanism. An SMR provider is not required to generate a 39 dbu contour map and has no need to do so. The attached Exhibit C contains two maps, which demonstrate a signal propagation cloud that shows the area in which a call can be sustained. This is the “actual area served” as that term is used in the above request.

Confidential Exhibit D consists of two additional maps that show network coverage that is anticipated by the end of 2004.

3. With respect to Nextel Partners' incomplete response to ITG Request No. 19, Nextel Partners has stated that it will provide Lifeline service "as required by the FCC." Since Nextel Partners apparently does not currently offer or provide Lifeline service, please explain in detail exactly what service Nextel Partners intends to offer to satisfy this statement, how it will identify customer request that are requests for Lifeline service, the prices for such Lifeline services, and the service to be obtained by a customer of Lifeline service.

**RESPONSE:**

Nextel Partners will provide telecommunications services to qualifying individuals who apply for Lifeline assistance pursuant to FCC rules. Nextel Partners cannot provide the services prior to designation. Nextel Partners is designated in 4 states (Arkansas, Iowa, Mississippi, and Wisconsin) and began offering Lifeline service upon designation. As required by the FCC's rules, Lifeline customers obtain a discount off the monthly recurring rate of our lowest cost generally available offering. Nextel Partners gives Lifeline customers the choice to add toll blocking at no charge. If toll blocking is elected, any deposit requirement is waived.

To initiate the process of obtaining Lifeline service, a consumer calls a toll free number and makes an information request. Within 2 business days the Company sends out a Lifeline application and a subscriber agreement. To be eligible for assistance the applicant must be participating in one or more of the following programs: Medicaid, Food Stamps, Supplements Security Income (SSI), Federal Public Housing Assistance, or Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. Assistance at this time ranges from \$5.25 to \$10.00 per month for Lifeline based on the discount that would be available from the incumbent local exchange carrier. Under the Linkup program, a new customer can obtain a 50% discount on the initial activation fee.

4. With respect to Nextel Partners' incomplete response to ITG Request No. 24, Nextel Partners' initial response stated that it would pay all "taxes;" however "taxes" are not the same as "contributions" to a intrastate universal service fund. Please confirm that the correct response is that Nextel Partners will provide contributions to a state Universal Service fund to the extent that the Kentucky Public Service Commission includes Commercial Mobile Radio Service providers and their service revenue in the contribution base for an intrastate Universal Service fund.

**RESPONSE:**

Nextel Partners did not intend its response to be vague. Nextel Partners will contribute to any state Universal Service fund to the full extent provided by law.

5. With respect to Nextel Partners' incomplete response to ITG Request No. 26, does Nextel Partners have an effective interconnection agreement with Logan Telephone Cooperative, Inc.? Does Nextel Partners have an effective interconnection agreement with Mountain Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc.? Does Nextel Partners have an effective interconnection agreement with Peoples Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc.? Does Nextel Partners have an effective interconnection agreement with South Central Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc.?

**RESPONSE:**

Nextel Partners is in negotiations with Logan, and expects those to conclude shortly. Nextel Partners does not have formal interconnection agreements with Peoples or South Central. Nextel Partners has received no request from either company to initiate interconnection negotiations.

6. With respect to the response to ITG Request No. 29 provided to the ITG by Nextel Partners pursuant to the Protective Agreement, what is the geographic basis that Nextel Partners applies to determine the reported line counts by LEC study area and how did Nextel Partners determine whether a customer of its Commercial Mobile Radio Service for which Nextel Partners seeks Universal Service support disbursements was "within" each of the ITG rural LEC study areas? That is, please explain exactly the methodology used to determine whether a Commercial Mobile Radio Service customer should be counted for a specific study area.

7. Please provide the capital dollars budgeted for the years 2004, 2005, and 2006 to be used specifically to add additional cell sites or to expand service coverage within each of the ITG rural LEC study areas in which Nextel Partners seeks ETC designation.

**RESPONSE:**

Nextel Partners expects at this time to place one additional cell site in the South Central study area within 2004 at a cost of approximately \$250,000. Other 2004 capital plans include expansion of coverage in non-rural telephone company areas. Capital budgets for 2005 and 2006 have not be determined.

8. Please provide a list of any existing contractual arrangements that Nextel Partners has in place which will allow it to establish additional cell sites within the ITG rural LEC study areas in which Nextel Partners seeks ETC designation.

**RESPONSE:**

No such agreements exist, nor are such agreements necessary. Nextel Partners begins lease negotiations after it has made a decision to go forward with the site, and such agreements can be negotiated in a period of 90-120 days.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by U.S. mail on this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2004, to the following:

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**Nextel National Value Plans** - Add value instantly with generous buckets of Anytime Cellular minutes along with Unlimited Night and Weekend minutes. Also, get Direct Connect<sup>SM</sup> minutes and Nationwide Long Distance along with no roaming charges.

**CELLULAR MINUTES**

Add to Cart	Plan	Monthly Fee	Anytime Minutes	Night & Weekend Minutes	Long Distance	Direct Connect
<b>Add</b>	<a href="#">Nextel National Value 500</a>	<b>\$39.99</b>	500	Unlimited	Included	100
<b>Add</b>	<a href="#">Nextel National Value 1000</a>	<b>\$59.99</b>	1000	Unlimited	Included	100
<b>Add</b>	<a href="#">Nextel National Value 2000</a>	<b>\$99.99</b>	2000	Unlimited	Included	100

Other monthly charges apply. See below.\*\*

**Nextel National Free Incoming Plans** - Stay in touch with Free Incoming Calls and Unlimited Direct Connect<sup>SM</sup>. Plus, get Unlimited Night and Weekend minutes and Nationwide Long Distance included along with no roaming charges.

**CELLULAR MINUTES**

Add to Cart	Plan	Monthly Fee	Anytime Minutes	Night & Weekend Minutes	Long Distance	Direct Connect
<b>Add</b>	<a href="#">Nextel National Free Incoming 250</a>	<b>\$49.99</b>	250	Unlimited	Included	Unlimited
<b>Add</b>	<a href="#">Nextel National Free Incoming 400</a>	<b>\$59.99</b>	400	Unlimited	Included	Unlimited
<b>Add</b>	<a href="#">Nextel National Free Incoming 600</a>	<b>\$69.99</b>	600	Unlimited	Included	Unlimited
<b>Add</b>	<a href="#">Nextel National Free Incoming 800</a>	<b>\$89.99</b>	800	Unlimited	Included	Unlimited

Other monthly charges apply. See below.\*\*

**Nextel National Free Incoming Plus Plans** - Try a little bit of everything with this combination of cellular, Direct Connect<sup>SM</sup> and data minutes. In addition to getting free incoming calls, you will get Unlimited Night and Weekend minutes, Unlimited Direct Connect<sup>SM</sup> minutes and Nationwide Long Distance. Plus, you will also get Premium Web, Two-Way Messaging and Address Book.

#### CELLULAR MINUTES

Add to Cell	Plan	Monthly Fee	Anytime Minutes	Night & Weekend Minutes	Long Distance	Direct Connect
<b>Add</b>	<u>Nextel National Free Incoming Plus 250</u>	<b>\$59.99</b>	250	Unlimited	Included	Unlimited
<b>Add</b>	<u>Nextel National Free Incoming Plus 400</u>	<b>\$69.99</b>	400	Unlimited	Included	Unlimited
<b>Add</b>	<u>Nextel National Free Incoming Plus 600</u>	<b>\$79.99</b>	600	Unlimited	Included	Unlimited
<b>Add</b>	<u>Nextel National Free Incoming Plus 800</u>	<b>\$99.99</b>	800	Unlimited	Included	Unlimited

Other monthly charges apply. See below.\*\*

**NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series™ Plan** - Get on the fast track with the perfect rate plan for the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series™ phones. You will get a large bucket of cellular minutes along with unlimited Night and Weekend, Direct Connect and Nationwide Direct Connect<sup>SM</sup> minutes. You will also get the NASCAR Nextel Online Services package including NASCAR.com TO GO. The NOL Racing Connection service which is included in the plan works best with the following handsets: i736, i730 and i733.

#### CELLULAR MINUTES

Add to Cell	Plan	Monthly Fee	Anytime Minutes	Night & Weekend Minutes	Long Distance	Direct Connect
<b>Add</b>	<u>NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series™ 500 Plan</u>	<b>\$54.99</b>	500	Unlimited	\$0.20/minute	Unlimited

Other monthly charges apply. See below.\*\*

**Nextel National Team Share Plans** - Share day and night time minutes between 2 phones on 2 rate plans on the same account. Plans include Unlimited Night and Weekend minutes and Nationwide Long Distance. Use the Add-On plan to share even more Direct Connect minutes across phones. Plus, get no roaming charges.

#### CELLULAR MINUTES

Add to Cell	Plan	Monthly Fee	Anytime Minutes	Night & Weekend Minutes	Long Distance	Direct Connect
<b>Add</b>	<u>Nextel National Team Share 400</u>	<b>\$39.99</b>	400	Unlimited	Included	250
<b>Add</b>	<u>Nextel National Team</u>					



**Nextel National Shared Minutes Plans** - Share minutes between 2 or more phones on 2 or more rate plans on the same account. Also, get Unlimited Direct Connect<sup>SM</sup> and Nationwide Long Distance along with no roaming charges.

**CELLULAR MINUTES**

Add to Cart	Plan	Monthly Fee	Anytime Minutes	Night & Weekend Minutes	Long Distance	Direct Connect
<b>Add</b>	<u>Nextel National Shared Minutes 100</u>	<b>\$39.99</b>	100	NA	Included	Unlimited
<b>Add</b>	<u>Nextel National Shared Minutes 500</u>	<b>\$55.99</b>	500	NA	Included	Unlimited
<b>Add</b>	<u>Nextel National Shared Minutes 700</u>	<b>\$69.99</b>	700	NA	Included	Unlimited
<b>Add</b>	<u>Nextel National Shared Minutes 1000</u>	<b>\$89.99</b>	1000	NA	Included	Unlimited

Other monthly charges apply. See below.\*\*

**Nextel Local Instant Connect Plans** - Instantly connect to other Nextel subscribers with Unlimited Direct Connect<sup>SM</sup> minutes. In addition, get Unlimited Night and Weekend minutes along with no roaming charges.

**CELLULAR MINUTES**

Add to Cart	Plan	Monthly Fee	Anytime Minutes	Night & Weekend Minutes	Long Distance	Direct Connect
<b>Add</b>	<u>Nextel Local Instant Connect UDC</u>	<b>\$35.99</b>	0	Unlimited	\$0.20/minute	Unlimited
<b>Add</b>	<u>Nextel Local Instant Connect 500</u>	<b>\$39.99</b>	500	Unlimited	\$0.20/minute	Unlimited
<b>Add</b>	<u>Nextel Local Instant Connect 700</u>	<b>\$49.99</b>	700	Unlimited	\$0.20/minute	Unlimited
<b>Add</b>	<u>Nextel Local Instant Connect 1000</u>	<b>\$59.99</b>	1000	Unlimited	\$0.20/minute	Unlimited

Other monthly charges apply. See below.\*\*

**Nextel National Unlimited NDC Plus Plan** - New - Everything is unlimited including Nationwide Direct Connect<sup>SM</sup>! Includes unlimited incoming, outgoing, Domestic Long Distance, Direct Connect<sup>SM</sup> and Nationwide Direct Connect<sup>SM</sup> calls. Also includes unlimited AOL® Instant Messenger, unlimited Two-Way Messaging and Mobile Email with the Nextel Full Service Package.

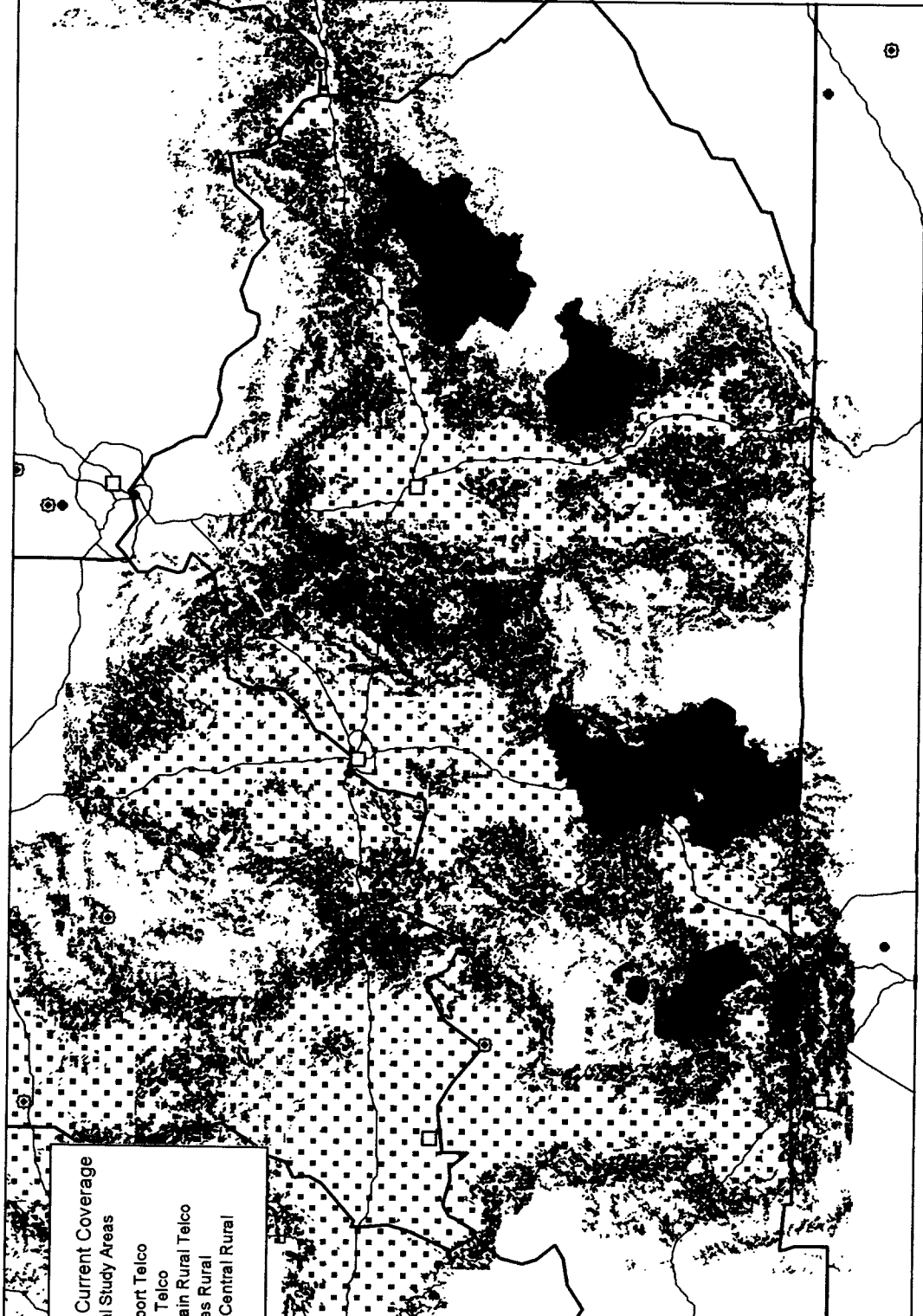
**CELLULAR MINUTES**

Add to Cart	Plan	Monthly Fee	Anytime Minutes	Night & Weekend Minutes	Long Distance	Direct Connect
<b>Add</b>	<u>National Unlimited NDC Plus</u>	<b>\$199.99</b>	Unlimited	Unlimited	Included	Unlimited

**Terms & Conditions:**

- Offer expires March 31, 2004. Requires one or two-year service agreement and credit approval. \$200 early termination fee applies, after 15-day trial period (conditions apply). Set up fee of \$35 per phone, up to \$70 max per account applies. Free Incoming calls are calls received while in the U.S. on the Nextel National Network. Free Nationwide Long Distance includes domestic calls only. Unlimited Direct Connect minutes are included in your local calling area only and do not include Group Connect calls, which are \$0.15/min. Nationwide Direct Connect calls use the Direct Connect minutes in your plan and incur an additional access charge of either: (i) \$0.10/minute multiplied by the number of participants on the call; or, (ii) a monthly flat fee if you sign up for Unlimited Nationwide Direct Connect access. Nationwide Direct Connect calls are charged to the call initiator. Group Connect charges are calculated by multiplying the minutes of use, number of participants, and the applicable rate. Group Connect can only work with members of the same network while in their home market. Nationwide service is not available for Group Connect calls. Cellular overage is \$0.40/min. Cellular calls round to the next full minute. Unused minutes do not accumulate to the next billing cycle. Nights are 9:00pm to 7:00am. Weekends begin Fri. at 9:00pm and end Mon. at 7:00am. Up to \$0.15 per sent or received text message depending on message type. Additional charges may apply and may vary by market, including state and federal taxes, a Universal Service Assessment of either 1.087% or 1.25%, in some states a Gross Receipt Recovery Fee of 1.4% to 5%, a TRS charge of approx. .07%, and a state-required E911 fee.

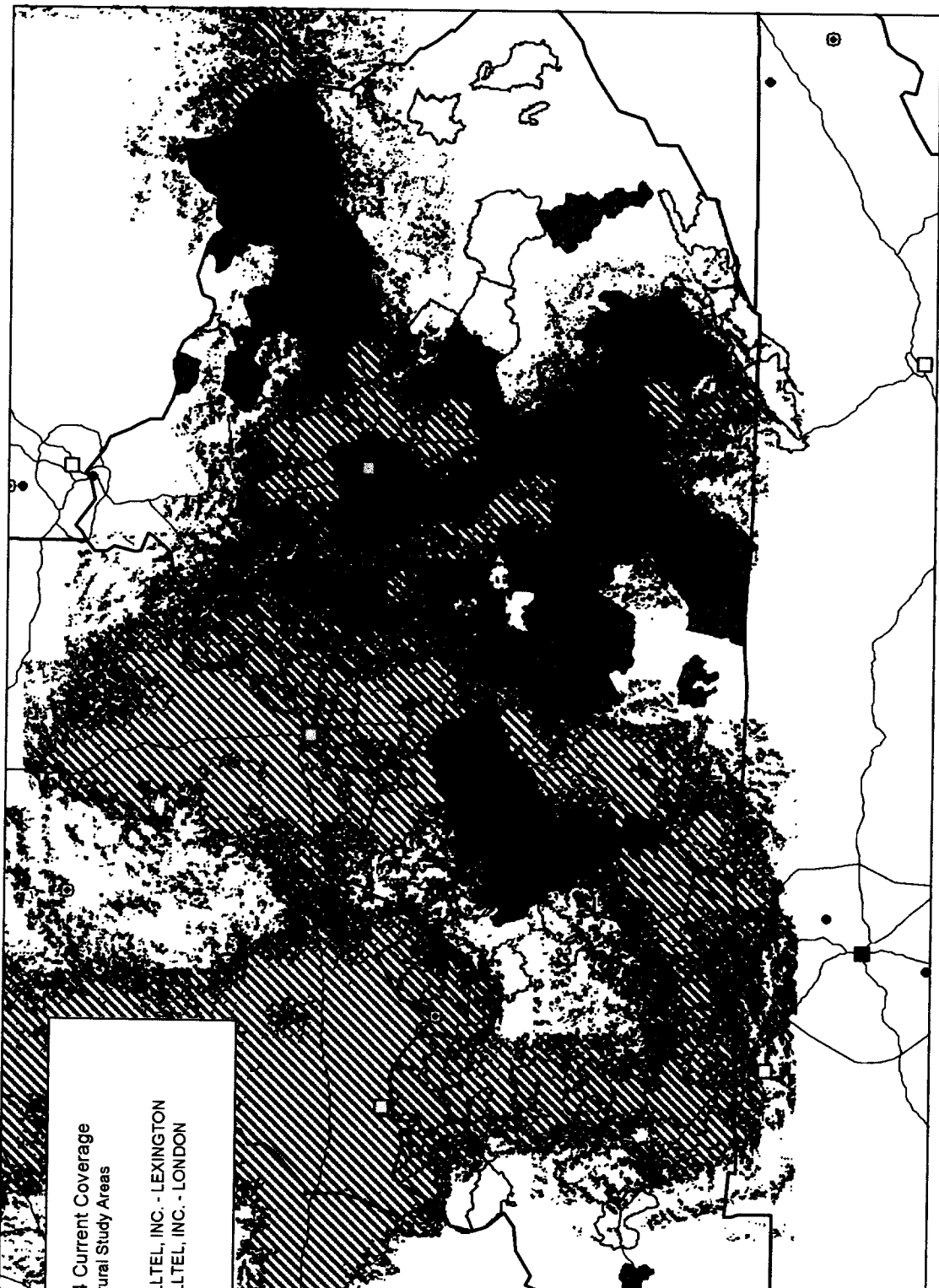
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